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March 25, 2020

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of the Enforcement Bureau's inquiry regarding the broadcast of RT and/or Sputnik Radio programming by certain licensees. The Enforcement Bureau conducted an extensive inquiry into the matter, including issuing several letters of inquiry to the licensees that broadcasted this programming, and determined that under the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, and judicial precedent, there is no enforcement action that could be taken against the licensees in question. Therefore, I have directed the Media Bureau to explore whether the Commission should start a proceeding to review and modify our current sponsorship ID rules as they apply to programming provided by a foreign entity. I expect to have the Media Bureau's recommendations in the coming months for possible consideration by the full Commission.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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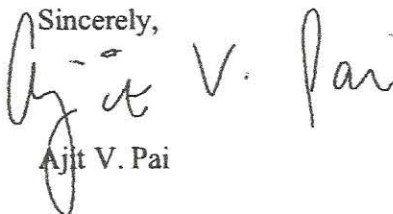
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The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Doyle:

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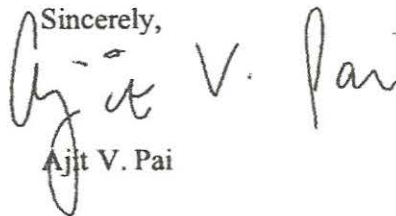
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
U.S. House of Representatives
2265 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman McNerney:

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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
U.S. House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

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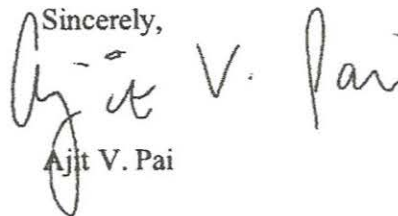
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The Honorable Sharice Davids
U.S. House of Representatives
1541 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Davids:

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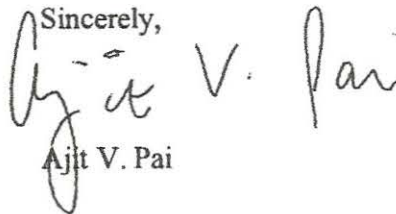
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The Honorable David Cicilline
U.S. House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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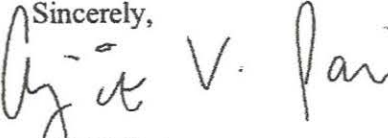
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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
U.S. House of Representatives
212 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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